

ABSTRACT

In a first aspect, a method for maintaining control structure coherency is provided. The method includes the steps of (1) writing a pointer to a control structure in a hardware update list while one or more portions of the control structure are accessed by hardware during a hardware update operation; and (2) delaying a software access to one or more portions of the control structure during a software update operation while the 5 pointer to the control structure is on the hardware update list. Numerous other aspects are provided.

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